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1. IN CONNECTION WITH MUSLIM WORLD PROJECT, BBC HAS HIRED A RUSSIAN MONITOR TO EOD ONE SEPTEMBER. THEY ARE INTERVIEWING A NUMBER OF AFGHAN CANDIDATES TODAY, AND ON 26 AUGUST WILL INTERVIEW AND TEST THE TURKISH PROFESSOR RAE MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY.

2. [] PERSIAN/DARI/PASHTO MONITOR, HAS RESIGNED TO TAKE UP ACADEMIC POST. BBC PERSIAN/AFGHAN TEAM NOW CONSISTS OF TWO DARI/PASHTO MONITORS, EIGHT FULL-TIME AND ONE PART-TIME (THREE DAYS PER WEEK) PERSIAN MONITORS. INASMUCH AS AFGHANS CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE CHARGED TO OUR PROJECT, I POSED QUESTION OK THEIR REPLACING [] BUT GOT NO FIRM RESPONSE. [] SAYS THEY ARE TRYING TO GET PART-TIMER TO WORK FULL-TIME WHICH HE FEELS WILL GIVE THEM SUFFICIENT PERSIAN CAPABILITY; IF UNSUCCESSFUL, HE FEELS THEY SHOULD HIRE ANOTHER PERSIAN MONITOR. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

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